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SUBJECT: CIVAIR, ICA PERMIT

1. AMBASSADOR KING OF BARBADOS VISITED DEPT ON MARCH 11 TO DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE EXPRESSING GOB CONCERN WITH DELAY ENCOUNTERED IN PROCESSING ICA APPLICATION. COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. AIDE MEMOIRE REVIEWS THE HISTORY OF ICA'S APPLICATION, AND POINTS OUT THE REQUIREMENT CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 1972 BILATERAL CIVAIR UNDERSTANDING THAT APPROPRIATE OPERATING AUTHORIZATIONS WILL BE GRANTED WITH A MINIMUM OF PROCEDURAL DELAY. THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT "THE PRESENT DELAY WHICH IT (GOB) IS EXPERIENCING ON ITS APPLICATION IS WHOLLY UNJUSTIFIED AND LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD BY ITS INACTION

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IS DENYING THE PERMIT TO THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE."

3. AMBASSADOR KING ELABORATED ON THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL AIRLINE SERVICE BETWEEN BARBADOS AND THE UNITED STATES, CITING THE IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM TO THE BARBADIAN ECONOMY, AND STATING THAT THE PRESENT LEVEL OF AIRLINE SERVICE IS INSUFFICIENT. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASSURED THAT THE NEED FOR A PROMPT CAB DECISION WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS AT THE CAB.

4. ON MARCH 12, COPY OF BARBADIAN AIDE MEMOIRE WAS TRANSMITTED BY LETTER TO THE CAB FOR INCLUSION INTO THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS TOGETHER WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT A PROMPT DECISION BE MADE IN THIS CASE. EMBASSY WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF ALL FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DEPT AND CAB CONCERNING THE ICA APPLICATION. KISSINGER

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